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TO : EXO
 FROM : Chief, FDZ
 SUBJECT: Language Instruction for [REDACTED]

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DATE: 28 August 1950

AUTHORISATION -

LANGUAGE LESSONS

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Chief of Station, [REDACTED] has 25X1A
 25X1A requested authority to reimburse from station operational funds [REDACTED]
 25X1A his administrative assistant, for the cost of Russian lessons which she intends to take from a white Russian teacher [REDACTED] University, who also gives private instruction.

25X1A 2. Not only is a knowledge of the Russian language extremely helpful for the conduct of certain station projects, but the lessons will also provide the opportunity for obtaining information of the Communist activities among the [REDACTED]. It is also expected that this move will gain an entree into a hitherto untapped group [REDACTED], namely, the politically active [REDACTED]

25X1A 3. The cost of language instruction will not exceed \$250 per year. Since it is presumed that all contacts will be on an unwitting basis at first, there is little or no possibility that this step will endanger the security of the station personnel. [REDACTED] considers the Russian instructor to be highly reliable and is presently in the process of compiling a background report on him.

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25X1A ORIGINATOR : [REDACTED]
 25X1A DEPUTY, FDZ : [REDACTED]

Approved for the period
 1 September 1950 to 1 September 1951
 at a total cost of not to exceed \$250.00.

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